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de-vel-op [di vēllōp] (*past de-vel-oped, past participle de-vel-oped, present participle de-vel-op-ing, 3rd person present singular de-vel-ops*)

verb

1. transitive and intransitive verb change and grow: to change, or cause to change, and become larger, stronger, or more impressive, successful, or advanced

2. intransitive verb arise and increase: to arise and then increase or progress to a more complex state

- *Tension was developing between the two nations.*

3. transitive verb acquire feature, habit, or illness: to acquire a particular feature, habit, or illness that then becomes more marked or extreme

- *The baby is developing a cold.*

4. transitive verb enlarge on: to add details to a basic plan or idea

5. transitive verb become clear: to become apparent and thus resolve a question or clarify a situation

- *It developed that we didn't need reservations.*

6. transitive and intransitive verb present or

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be revealed in stages: to present the sequential events or successive stages of a story or argument, or to have such events or stages revealed

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7. transitive verb use resources for human purposes: to use or make available land, minerals, or other natural resources for human purposes such as housing

8. transitive verb build structures: to plan and construct buildings, roads, or other technological structures

- *develop a global communications system*

9. transitive verb turn film into negatives or prints: to treat photographic film with chemicals in order to produce a negative or print (*often passive*)

- *Send the rolls off to be developed.*

10. intransitive verb achieve sexual maturity: to become sexually mature

11. transitive verb CHESS bring piece into play: to bring a chess piece into play

12. transitive verb MUSIC vary musical theme: to add to a musical theme by using variation or ornamentation, especially by breaking it down into motifs and using other musical techniques

[Mid-17th century. From French *développer*, literally "to unwrap" (the original sense in English), from, ultimately, Old French *voloper* "to wrap" (source of English envelope).]

- **de·vel·op·a·ble adjective**



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